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Accommodation control

* 228 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state— 3-20 p.m.

(a) whether the employees of the Indian Railways, Reserve Bank of India and State Electricity Board are denied the benefits of accommodation control under the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act, 1960; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLAM : (a) & (b) Under section 3 (3) of the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act, buildings can be taken over and allotted to any officer of the Central or State Government for his occupation. But under the executive orders of the Government which were based on the recommendation of the Joint Select Committee on the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Bill, 1960, the allotment of house is now restricted to certain classes of Government servants. Employees of the Reserve Bank of India are being allotted houses and the question of allotting houses to the employees of the State Electricity Board and the Indian Railways is under consideration of Government.

Female nurses

* 229 Q.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that house rent allowance is not paid to female nurses who are married and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Women nurses, whether married or unmarried are expected to stay in the Government quarters. The quarters are allowed free of rent and certain other facilities are also provided free of cost. If married nurses wish to stay outside the Government quarters, in deserving cases, they are permitted to do so. But, they are not eligible to draw any house rent allowance.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, is it a fact that married persons are not permitted to stay in the hostels for nurses?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : They are allowed to stay there, but they are not given house-rent allowance.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : In the case of N.G.Os., whether the N.G.O. is a female or a male, the house rent allowance is granted. In the case of nurses also, is the house-rent allowance granted if unmarried? Am I right in saying that